

LEGAL NOTICE
OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT
Southern HDs Landscape Restoration Project
Environmental Assessment
USDA Forest Service
San Juan National Forest
Columbine Ranger District
Archuleta and La Plata Counties, Colorado

The USDA Forest Service is seeking public comments on a pre-decisional environmental assessment for the Southern HDs Landscape Restoration Project located on the Columbine Ranger District of the San Juan National Forest. The proposed action is to employ a combination of vegetation thinning with machinery, by hand with chainsaws, managed goat grazing, and prescribed fire on approximately 35,000 acres in the HD Mountains. The project is located south and east of Bayfield, in Townships 34-35 North, Ranges 5-6 West, N.M.P.M., within La Plata and Archuleta Counties, Colorado.

A pre-decisional EA, including a detailed description of the Proposed Action and maps, is available online from <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58742> or contact the District office at 970-884-2512.

This project is subject to objection regulations at 36 CFR 218, subparts A and B. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments regarding the proposal during designated public comment periods will be eligible to object. Each individual or representative from each entity submitting comments must meet the information requirements in 36 CFR 218.25, including name and postal address, project title, and signature or other verification of identity.

Written comments will be accepted for 30 calendar days following publication of this notice in the *Durango Herald*. Electronic comments should be submitted through an on-line comment form at the above weblink. Written comments can also be submitted via postal, delivery service, or hand delivered to: Southern HDs EA Comments, Columbine Ranger District, POB 439 / 367 South Pearl Street, Bayfield, Colorado 81122. Hand or courier delivered comments can be delivered to the District office between the hours of 8:00am-4:30pm Mon-Fri, excluding holidays. Names and addresses of those who comment will be considered part of the public record and available for public inspection.

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